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Soviet officials in Austria are concerned about the numerous crimes committed by Russian troops in Vienna. Although these crimes are attributed by the press to "unknown bandits," it is realized that Austrian readers readily identify the bandits as Red Army soldiers. As a result of this, Soviet Army Headquarters in Vienna requested authority from Moscow to move troops from Vienna to summer camps in the country, as was done in 1946. In the last week in March 1947, Moscow replied that all troops on duty in Vienna were to remain there until specifically ordered elsewhere. No explanation for this position was given.

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